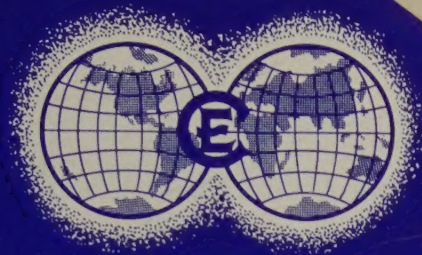
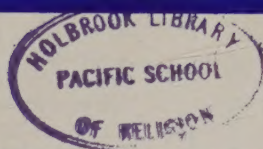


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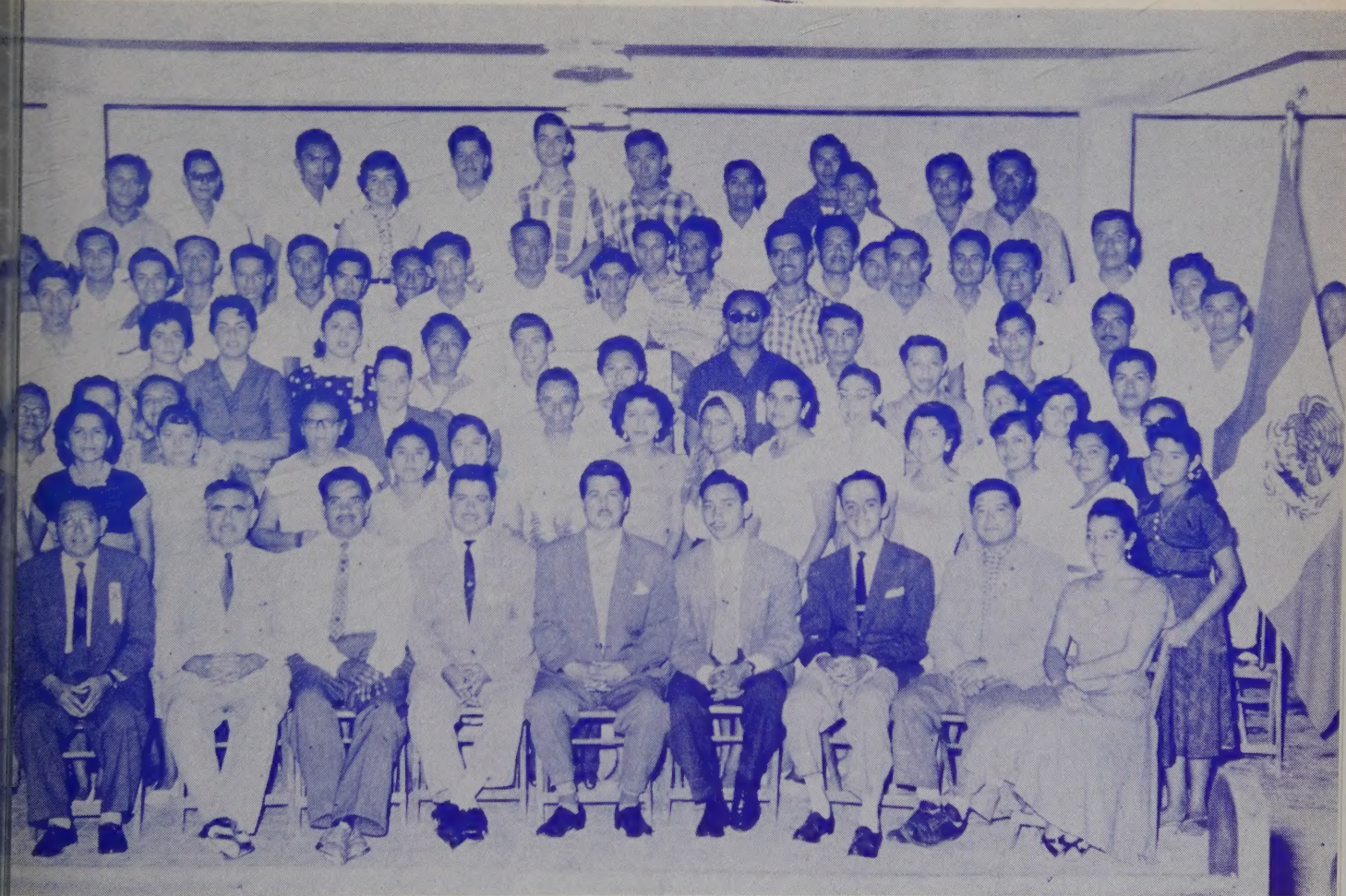


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MEXICAN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS ENJOY ANNUAL CONVENTION AT MERIDA

For Christ and the Church...

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR World

Cover

"The most wonderful gathering there has ever been south of the border" is the way J. Nino Gonzales, past president of the Mexican Christian Endeavor Union, describes the recent convention held in Merida, Yucatan. A total of 170 delegates attended, from all parts of the Republic. Turn to page 19 for more convention news and pictures.

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from the General Secretary

Happy Birthday Right now is the time to lay plans for a mammoth birthday celebration marking the 78th anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor. Widespread interest has already been shown in the 1959 Christian Endeavor Week Packet released by Christian Endeavor International. Jammed full of materials which will help you celebrate the week, January 25 through February 1, the packet includes a manual, a complete set of party plans and banquet ideas, suggestions for securing radio and television time, and a host of other usable ideas. Order your packet today.

After 200 Years "And the magazine dates back to Benjamin Franklin!" Such was the comment of a teen-age high school Christian Endeavorer to a group of adults. He was pointing out that the *Saturday Evening Post*, after more than 200 years as a "dry" publication, will now accept alcohol beverage advertising. It is estimated that several millions of dollars will be added to the annual advertising income of the *Post*. Already many leaders of Christian Endeavor have written about this development to the publishers. You may wish to join the protest. Mr. Robert E. MacNeal is president of Curtis Publishing Company, with headquarters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Columbus Next A "new look" is in vogue for the 1958 meetings of the Program Council of the International Society, meeting concurrently with the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference in Columbus December 4 through 7. Bringing together denominational youth leaders and Christian Endeavor leaders from all parts of the North American continent, the meetings will again be held at International Headquarters and at the Southern Hotel in downtown Columbus. In the Program Council materials and program emphases for Christian Endeavor International will be developed. Members of the Executives' Conference will have opportunity for fellowship and sharing with their counterparts from all across Canada, Mexico, and the United States. Chairman of the Program Council is Rev. Robert Hess, Field Secretary of the California Christian Endeavor Union. Charles O. Heyward, of Washington, D. C., is president of the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference.

What Christian Endeavor Means The Reverend John H. Muller, pastor of the Bethany Reformed Church of Redlands, California, has written a stirring tribute to Christian Endeavor, entitled "WHAT CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEANS TO THE REFORMED CHURCH." And it does and can mean that to many denominations. "A Christ-centered youth program," "A Church-centered youth program," "A true evangelical unity," "The development of Christian leadership," "An organized program," "The call to decision," are some of the headings under which Mr. Muller develops his approach. Dr. Louis H. Benes, editor of *The Church Herald*, official publication of the Reformed Church in America, has graciously permitted us to reprint this article which appeared in the September 12, 1958, issue of that journal. Copies are available on request from the International Society.

Your Will Is Law Remembering Christian Endeavor in your will provides assurance that the ministry of the International Society of Christian Endeavor will continue in the years ahead. For information write to the General Secretary, Harold E. Westerhoff, at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

A Blessed Christmas To each of you from each of us at Headquarters, a happy and a blessed Christmas. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:11.

Harold Westerhoff

Good News About Philadelphia 1959

Here is the very latest information about plans and program for the International Convention next July.



Members of the Philadelphia Convention Committee and of International Society's Executive Committee enjoy dinner together in the attractive Philadelphia Room at Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

Great things are in store for delegates attending the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 6-11, 1959. Just released by the Philadelphia Program Committee is the following list of outstanding Christian leaders who will preside over evening mass meetings:

Monday—Dr. Earle W. Gates, President, International Society of Christian Endeavor

Tuesday — Dr. Harry G. Denman, General Secretary of the General Board of Evangelism, The Methodist Church

Wednesday — Dr. Daniel A. Poling, President, World's Christian Endeavor Union

Thursday—Dr. Ross Stover, Messiah Lutheran Church, Philadelphia

Friday—Rev. Arno Pagel, President, German Christian Endeavor Union

Saturday—Dr. Harold John Ockenga, Park Street Church, Boston

Bishop R. W. Rash, chairman of the Program Committee, has also announced that the convention song leader will be Ward Abusamra, with Theodore W. Wells at the organ. Both of these young men are music professors, Mr. Abusamra at the University of Rhode Island and Mr. Wells at Milton (Massachusetts) Academy. This talented team has led music at Northfield Conferences and is much loved throughout New England.

A new convention feature will be Quiet Hour and Bible Study each morning by age groups, with these leaders: Intermediates (Junior High)—Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president, International Society; Senior High — Rev. George C. Lurwick, St. Luke Methodist Church, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania; Young People—Mr. Pagel; and Adult—

Dr. Norman Paullin of The Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

A Convention "First"

Something new in Christian Endeavor conventions will take place on Thursday evening, July 9, when a "floating session" will be held. Delegates will sail down the Delaware River on the S.S. STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA while the evening mass meeting is in progress.

Other evening sessions will be held in spacious Baptist Temple, located at Broad and Berks Streets in Philadelphia. The Temple accommodates 3,500 persons.

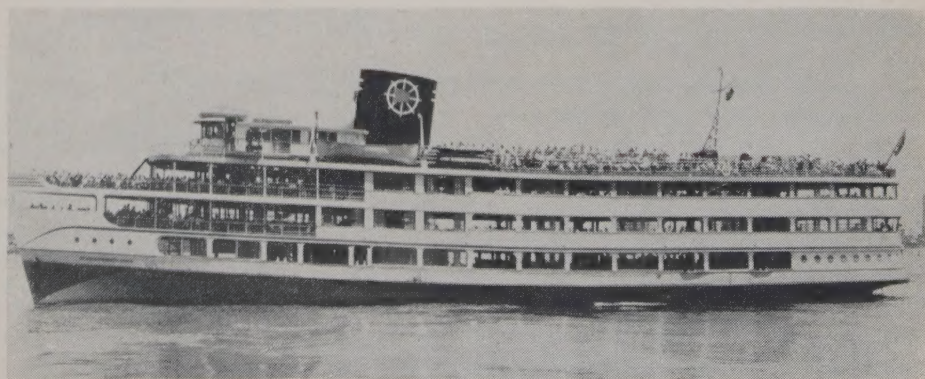
Daytime activities will be concentrated in the air-conditioned Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Here the Quiet Hour and Bible study sessions, the conferences, and the general assembly periods will be held. The registration center will be in the hotel, along with the bookstore, information desk, exhibits, etc.

For just \$35 plus transportation a young person can enjoy the six power-

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Conveniently located in downtown Philadelphia, the air-conditioned Benjamin Franklin Hotel will be convention headquarters.



The good ship S.S. STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA will accommodate over 3,000 delegates for the "floating session" on Thursday evening, July 9.

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packed convention days. By special arrangement delegates may secure dormitory style accommodations at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, convention headquarters, for just \$3 a night.

In the hotel coffee shop breakfast can be secured as low as 50c, lunch for as little as 85c, and dinner from \$1.25 up. These attractive rates bring the convention within the reach of all.

Local Committee Making Big Plans

The Philadelphia Convention Committee, under the enthusiastic leadership of Arch J. McQuilkin and John R. Harper, is well organized and hard at work.

When the Executive Committee of the International Society met in Philadelphia in October, they enjoyed a dinner with members of the local committee in the Philadelphia Room of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

Following dinner, members of the two committees took a walking tour throughout the hotel, viewing the excellent facilities which will be used for next year's convention. The two groups then met together to share plans for Philadelphia 1959.

Much enthusiasm for the convention is being generated in Philadelphia and throughout the state. Pennsylvania Endeavorers are securing registrations for the convention as part of a contest under the direction of Frances M. Becker, vice-

chairman of the local committee.

Special Convention Features

Among the unusual convention features will be a series of outdoor street meetings. At the recent World's Convention in Frankfurt the youthful German delegates participated in similar services with much enthusiasm. These meetings will offer real opportunity for youth to witness to their faith.

Another special feature will be an outdoor hymn sing in Reyburn Plaza, across from City Hall and in the new Penn Center development.



On Thursday night, July 9, Dr. and Mrs. Earle W. Gates will be honored at a recognition dinner. Norman Klauder is chairman of the committee planning for this event, assisted by Eugene G. Alhart and Dr. Clyde W. Meadows.

The convention opens Monday evening, July 6, and closes with the mass meeting Saturday, July 11. Besides the classes and other morning features there

will be denominational meetings, luncheons of various kinds, recreational activities, and sight-seeing tours. A program is planned for Junior leaders each morning with a Junior Convention on Saturday.

A high light of the convention will be the Christian youth witness parade Saturday afternoon.

Many Historic Sites

Much of historic Philadelphia is within easy walking distance of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Within several blocks Independence Hall may be visited, with the famed Liberty Bell nearby is Congress Hall, Carpenter's Hall, Old City Hall, and the U.S. Custom House. Not far away is Betsy Ross House. These shrines attract 125 million visitors annually.

Convention delegates will also have opportunity to visit many historic churches. Christ Church and its Burial Ground are well known. The city's oldest church is Old Swede's Episcopal Church, built in 1700.

Other points of interest include the Art Museum, the Rodin Museum, Franklin's Alley, Franklin Institute, William Penn Home, and Fairmount Park.

Delegates will also want to visit the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, located at Broad and Berks Streets.

Beautiful Valley Forge is only a short distance from Philadelphia and will be another attraction for convention delegates.

Unions Compete for Registration Honors

Right now the registration contest for state and provincial unions is under way in connection with the Philadelphia 1959 Convention. Registrars have been appointed and are organizing in their areas to sign up delegates for the big event in the City of Brotherly Love.

In the competition state and provincial unions will be divided into two divisions. The first report period will close January 31. Each month a cash award of \$10 will be given to the union in each division that makes the greatest percentage increase toward its minimum goal. Three free subscriptions to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORKER will be awarded to the unions placing second in each division.

Those unions in leading positions at the close of the contest on June 15 will receive banners at the convention. The parade order will be determined by the results of the registration contest, and winning unions will receive choice seats in convention sessions.

An award of \$25 allowance on expenses at the International Convention will go to the registrar of the union placing first in each division in the contest.

A complete bulletin on the registration contest may be secured from Phyllis I. Rike, assistant secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 E. Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

At the left is a handy registration blank for Philadelphia 1959. Register early and receive convention information as it becomes available.

----- USE THIS REGISTRATION BLANK -----

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
1221 East Broad Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

(Please print or type)

Please register me for Philadelphia 1959. I enclose \$4 (after June 30, 1959, fee is \$5).

Rev., Mr., Mrs., Miss _____
(Circle proper title)

Street & No. _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

Church _____
(Give full name and denomination)

I am a member of the _____
Christian Endeavor Society or Youth Fellowship.

Local Union _____

State Union _____

My present responsibility in Christian Endeavor is _____

Age (if under 25) _____ Over 25, check here ☐

I desire information on the International Society Tour ☐

Registration secured by _____



"Hats Off!" Party gave delegates at the Southern Regional Conference, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, North Carolina, a preview of the celebration planned for Christian Endeavor Week 1959. In the upper photo the five Endeavorers enthusiastically singing "My High Silk Hat" are (left to right) D. Arthur King, Phyllis Link, Claudean Wills, Alice Goodman, and Charles O. Heyd. In the lower photo wearing their "creations" are (left to right) Christian Furr, Max Furr, Alice Goodman, Mrs. Marvin Burnette, and first place winners Mrs. Nat Burchfield and Cecil A. Jeffery.

HATS OFF To Christian Endeavor

That's the theme of the party plans included in the 1959 Christian Endeavor Week Packet and that's just what many youth will be doing the week of January 25 to February 1, when they observe Christian Endeavor's 78th birthday.

Endeavorers in both the Great Lakes and the Southern Region previewed the birthday celebration when they enjoyed a HATS OFF! party during regional conferences this fall. Invitations, decorations, and games were based on the complete party plans which have been prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davies of Erie, Pennsylvania.

The Christian Endeavor Week Packet also contains a manual with many suggestions for use throughout the entire week, along with publicity ideas, banquet plans, and a host of other materials to help societies and unions say, "Hats off to Christian Endeavor" during birthday week.

The theme for the 1959 observance is "In the Household of God." Based on Ephesians 2:19, this will cause Christian youth to consider the nature and purpose of the Church and to find what it means to live in the household of God.

The complete Christian Endeavor Week Packet is available for just 50c from the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Letters... Dear Mr. Editor:



"Speak for Christian Citizenship!" will be subject of many letters received next February by newspaper editors in the United States and Canada.

This is part of Christian Endeavor's 1959 Citizenship Contest and will give youth a critical opportunity to witness to their beliefs on Christian citizenship.

Robert C. Ross, citizenship director of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, reports that the first two entrants in the 1959 contest were Aubrey N. Brown of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Ryan Thompson, Jr., of Newark, New Jersey. They were nominated during the Citizenship Convocation held in New York City July 1958. Aubrey was nominated by Walter Baker, first place winner in Division B

of the 1958 contest.

Among others already entered in the contest are three young people who were nominated while flying over the Atlantic Ocean. They are Dorothy and Annette Haeussler of Saugerties, New York, and Sylvia E. Knecht of Easton, Pennsylvania. Their nominations were completed as they were returning home from Christian Endeavor's Fellowship Tour to Europe and the World's Convention.

Nominations are being received at Christian Endeavor headquarters from youth in all parts of the United States and Canada. To enter the contest, young people under 25 years of age must be nominated before February 2, 1959. Nominations may be made by an adult, by an-

other young person, or by the entrant himself.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards for the winners will total \$1,000 plus two free trips to the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 6-11, 1959. Duplicate awards will be given in two divisions, one for youth in high school or below and one for those out of high school.

In judging, the "Letters" will count for 60% of the score, with a Christian Service Record the basis for 40%.

The top winners in each division will receive \$200 in cash plus a trip to Philadelphia. Second award will be \$100 in cash, and third prize \$50. The next six runners-up in the International finals in each division will receive awards of \$25 each.

State and provincial first place winners compete for regional honors. The regional winners are eligible for the International judging, with announcement of the top winners scheduled for April 27.

NOMINATION FORM

Send to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio

Valid only if postmarked no later than February 2, 1959

NOTE: You may be nominated by an adult, by another young person, or you may nominate yourself.

PLEASE PRINT

Name of entrant in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest.

(Name)

Address of entrant and all information to the contestant at.

(Number and Street)

(City, Zone, State)

(Disregard the following if you are nominating yourself) I agree to encourage my nominee to complete the "Letter" and Service Record.

(Name and Address of Person Making Nomination)

A Challenge to Youth . . .

Take the Word of Life to Millions

Dr. G. B. Gordon of Long Beach, California, challenges youth to make use of today's opportunities to reach millions faster with the Gospel. Dr. Gordon is Executive Director of Seminary Development and Professor of Speech, Radio, and Television at Pacific Bible Seminary. He served as judge in Christian Endeavor's recent radio and television scriptwriting contest to select scripts for use in connection with Christian Endeavor Week 1959.

When Paul wrote to the church members in Ephesus, he told them the Lord had so much to do that each person has a job—some to be pastors, some teachers, some prophets, etc. If he had lived in 1958, he might have included Christian journalists, youth directors, missionaries, and radio-TV "missionaries". . . plus others in a growing list of specialists. . . all with a burning zeal to tell people about Christ.

Our American population is increasing at the rate of 7,200 persons a day—and almost every one of these people has a radio and television set available. There is at least one radio in 96.4% of the homes; 35,000,000 sets in cars bring programs to "listeners on wheels." A radio is turned on in the average home two hours a day. Now, 8 out of 10 homes have television; 72% of them get four or more stations, and the average viewer spends 4½(1) hours a day in front of his set. WHY? Primarily, because merchants and manufacturers have supplied programs of entertainment that help them sell merchandise. . . and ideas.

What do you have to sell? The Greatest Idea of all—"Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life." You can use radio and television programs to convey this message if you operate within the standards and costs of stations owned by businessmen for profit.

Unfortunately, because of inferior religious programs, station managers often do not like to schedule this type of program. The local station gives or sells the time because it feels that it has an obligation to serve the "public interest" with such "public service programs."

Is It Worthwhile?

Since radio and television are such highly specialized media, is it worthwhile to try to broadcast? Certainly! They can be the tools for the Master's use to break through doors that are shut.

As Charles Schmitz says in *How You Can Broadcast Religion*, to be published soon, "Radio and television can help the shut-outs as well as the shut-ins, can reach the people for whom life has become a meaningless blur, can find those who are embalmed in 'security'. . . can break through the shell of hardened church-goers. . . and enlighten the misinformed with factual information about Christian life today." Radio and TV are God-given miracles of communication for such a time as this.

What are the requirements for a person entering the field of Christian radio and TV? Basically, one needs a good imagination to visualize beyond the microphone and camera the average listener-viewer in his home, his business, his automobile, his hospital bed, or on the vacation resort porch. You must understand his interests and tastes. To "find" a person you must know

"where he lives." One must know the media . . . the "what" and "how" of radio and TV. You must prepare yourself to do a professional job, because programs of the Christian gospel are in competition for the listener's eye and ear with the very best professional programs.

Many Jobs Available

There are many jobs for those with imagination and intelligence. Behind the scenes (1) scripts are written that present eternal Christian truth in a style that is sharp as an arrow; (2) programs are produced—people and props selected, rehearsed, and directed; (3) "account executives" or "contacts" work with stations or networks to get and keep programs on the air; (4) programs are promoted with a multitude of publicity to get listeners by every means possible; (5) "follow-ups" are made—getting people in contact with Christian teachers, motivating them to attend church services, and study groups, and stimulating them to send for free correspondence courses. (One TV program in Southern California, in its fourth year, now has 9,670 families enrolled in such courses.) All of these jobs are done by people you don't see or hear.

"On the air" people, called "talent," come in "many sizes": speakers (who must have good voices, intelligence, flexibility, pleasing manner, warm disposition, and imagination); singers (whose approach is more intimate than the platform or stage); instrumentalists (whose modesty must be equal to their usual position "off camera," unnoticed); actors (whose portrayal must not be a betrayal of their amateurishness, if any, lest they call attention to themselves rather

than the message they convey).

Where can you fit into this picture? Fit as a member of the local church (or one of its ministers) producing an effective program if you take some training in college workshops, institutes, or by working in radio or TV station.

But even greater horizons open for you if you specialize in speaking, writing, producing programs "full-time" for glory of Christ. For a time you could, if you wish, work in the radio or television industry to learn the business "inside out." Further, you could teach radio and television skills in one of the few Bible colleges and Christian liberal arts colleges that offer such courses. Above all, get an education in the field before you handle an assignment which will pit you against the finest professional programs in a competition for ear and eye of the average listener!

Positions do not "open up" in this specialized field; they are made. With the guidance of the Lord catch a vision, learn the skills, and take advantage of the opportunities. . . sometimes creating the field itself. Especially is this true in mission radio. There is a need for more trained speakers, musicians, secretaries, and engineers who will actually build and operate the equipment.

Of course, fundamental to all experience and the learning of skills is getting a solid foundation in the Word of God, developing your faith in the Son of God. No amount of "know-how" will suffice if you do not "know-what," or better yet, know Him.

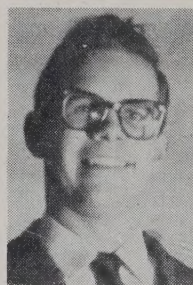
Television, like aeronautics, is brand new. One manufacturer of jet motors has developed a new jet that can cross the United States in one hour, but he says that another manufacturer has brought out a plane that can handle it. What of the future in Christian radio and television? Only God knows. . . but you can help mold it—if you

It is said that David Livingstone received a letter from a missionary society in London, asking, "Have you found a good place to where you are? If so, we want to know how to send other men to join you." Livingstone replied: "If you have men who come only if they know there is a good reason, I don't want them. I want men who come if there is no road at all."

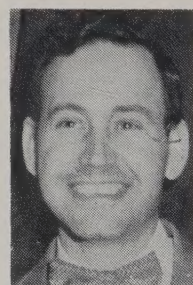
New Leaders on the Job in Four Unions



John Fortuin



William G. Arthur



Warren Thraikill



Harold R. Pittman

Wisconsin's new president is John Fortuin of Randolph. Employed in a sash and door factory, very interested in sports. William "Bill" Arthur is serving as part-time field secretary for the Oregon Union, while attending Lewis and Clark College in his home town of Portland. Warren Thraikill recently installed as president of the Alabama Union. His home is in St. Bernard. The leader of the Keystone State is Harold R. Pittman of Kingston, Pennsylvania. A well-known song leader, employed as an insurance agent.



FUN NIGHT with Lehigh County Endeavorers

Good fellowship for Christian Endeavorers in Lehigh County (Pennsylvania) is provided through their monthly Fun Nights. The facilities of the local Y.M.C.A. are at their disposal and they take full advantage of all of them.

In the picture above Endeavorers are shown playing volleyball, ping pong, and basketball. Some of the youth enjoy bowling, with Christian Endeavorers serving as pinners. The trampoline and gym activities attract others. In addition, opportunity is given for a swim in the Y pool.

Youth also appreciate the chance to just sit and chat (as shown in the lower left photo). One important part of each Fun Night is the devotional period (center photo).

Kenneth L. Stephens of Allentown, president of the Lehigh Union, reports that about 150 Endeavorers take

part in this activity. He also tells of the skating party which is held each month at a local rink, with only Endeavorers present. Halfway through the evening a half-hour devotional period is held.

Another successful activity in Lehigh County is the Hymn Sing. This year a total of 384 at one of these events set a new attendance record. Pennsylvania's president, Harold Pittman, was the song leader that evening.

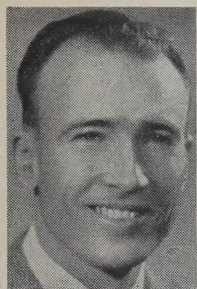
What are some of the outstanding activities of YOUR union? Why not send photos and information to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD and share your successful ideas with others?

Meet Robert Hess—Program Council Chairman

One of the important policy-making bodies of the Christian Endeavor movement is the Program Council, which meets each year to consider current emphases and materials and plan for a vital, on-going program. And important, too, is the chairman of that Council, who this year is Rev. Robert Hess.

When Program Council members meet in Columbus, Ohio, December 4-7 Mr. Hess, who is field secretary of the California Christian Endeavor Union, will preside for the first time as chairman. From 1955 through 1957 he served as the vice-chairman, working with Bishop R. W. Rash.

Born in Plymouth, Ohio, Mr. Hess moved to California where he attended school in Atascadero. He has studied at Pasadena Junior College and has a B.A. degree in Christian Education from Wheaton College.



Rev. Robert Hess

An ordained minister with the General Baptist Conference of America (Swedish Baptist), Mr. Hess served from 1939 to 1953 as an American Sunday-School Union missionary.

Since 1953 he has been field secretary of the California Christian Endeavor Union, ministering to over 25,000 young people.

Mr. Hess is noted by those who know him well for his warm, evangelical fervor and his personal dedication. His deep concern that youth be won for Christ led him into full-time service through Christian Endeavor.

In Atascadero, California, he held many offices in his local society and served as lookout chairman and vice-president of the San Luis Obispo County Union.

With his wife, Vera, and his 11-year-old son, David, Mr. Hess lives at 136 North Robinson Street in Los Angeles. The Hesses also have a married daughter, Daryl Ann Morrison, and one grandchild.

How the Program Council Works

The Program Council was created in 1944 by the Board of Trustees of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Its purpose is to survey the needs of Christian Endeavor; initiate educational policy, program, and materials; initiate biennial program aims and activities; and propose current emphases. Robert C. Ross as educational secretary of the International Society serves as the executive to the Program Council.

Members of the Program Council include employed denominational youth workers; employed Christian Endeavor field, executive or general secretaries; the staff members of the International Society; and other selected individuals who are leaders in the Christian education field.

The Council has three working committees—the Educational Committee (Phyllis G. Brown of Virginia, chairman), the Topics Committee (Elwood Dunn of Mich-

igan, chairman), and the Junior Work Committee (Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Jr., of Pennsylvania, chairman).

These committees meet during the year and then report to the Program Council, which holds concurrent sessions each December with the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference.

Rev. Charles Barner of Emmaus, Pennsylvania, is the vice-chairman of the Program Council. Charles O. Heyward of Washington, D.C., is president of the 1958 Executives' Conference.

Daily Bible Readings For Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for January, 1959. These readings have previously appeared in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD on the topics pages.

These are now grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may more easily use them in their daily Quiet Hour period. The particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

Why not clip out this section and put it in your Bible where it will be handy as you observe the Quiet Hour.



Intermediate (Junior High) Readings

- M., Dec. 29. Love Demands Service. John 21:15-17.
T., Dec. 30. Service Proves Faith. James 2:14-18.
W., Dec. 31. The Place of Service. Mark 10:42-45.
T., Jan. 1. Service to All Men. Galatians 6:1-10.
F., Jan. 2. Affectionate Service. John 12:1-8.
S., Jan. 3. Bearing Fruit. John 15:1-5.
Sun., Jan. 4. Topic—In Paths of Christian Service. Proverbs 4:18; Psalm 25:4; Romans 12:4-8.
M., Jan. 5. Keeping God's Word. Psalm 119:9-16.
T., Jan. 6. Search the Scriptures. John 5:39,40.
W., Jan. 7. Nobility of Bible Study. Acts 17:10-12.
T., Jan. 8. All Scripture Is Good. II Timothy 3:14-17.
F., Jan. 9. Take Heed! II Peter 1:19-21.
S., Jan. 10. The Purpose of Scripture. John 20:30,31.
Sun., Jan. 11. Topic—In the Light of His Truth. Psalm 119:30; John 16:13.
M., Jan. 12. Draw Nigh. James 4:7-10.
T., Jan. 13. In Faith. Hebrews 10:22-24.
W., Jan. 14. Two or Three. Matthew 18:19,20.
T., Jan. 15. One Hundred Twenty. Acts 1:12-15.
F., Jan. 16. Christians Called. I Corinthians 1:9,10.
S., Jan. 17. That We May Have Fellowship. I John 1:1-6.
Sun., Jan. 18. Topic—Prayer and Fellowship. Acts 2:42; I John 1:7; James 5:16.
M., Jan. 19. Authority to Become. John 1:12,13.
T., Jan. 20. Christ the Head. Hebrew 3:1-6.
W., Jan. 21. God Our Father. Romans 8:14-17.
T., Jan. 22. Christ Our Brother. Hebrews 2:9-12.
F., Jan. 23. Who Is in the Family? Matthew 12:46-50.
S., Jan. 24. Walk as Children of Light. Ephesians 5:8-11.
Sun., Jan. 25. Topic—In the Household of God. Ephesians 2:19. (Denominational Day—Beginning Christian Endeavor Week)

Senior-Young People's Daily Readings

- M., Dec. 29. Full Supply. Colossians 4:13.
T., Dec. 30. Real Gold. Proverbs 3:1-6.
W., Dec. 31. Source of Possessions. Ecclesiastes 5:1-7.
T., Jan. 1. Using What We Have. Exodus 4:1-10.
F., Jan. 2. Value of Small Things. Zechariah 4:1-10.
S., Jan. 3. God's Supply Box. I Corinthians 1:25-31.
Sun., Jan. 4. Topic—Inventory Time. 6:1-13.
M., Jan. 5. Start on Time. Hebrews 3:1-6.
T., Jan. 6. The Beginning of Wisdom. Proverbs 9:1-10.
W., Jan. 7. Start Where You Are. Luke 24:46-49.
T., Jan. 8. Continue What You Start. II Corinthians 8:1-7.
F., Jan. 9. Not Encumbered. Hebrews 12:1-3.
S., Jan. 10. Prepare! Luke 14:28-33.
Sun., Jan. 11. Topic—Getting the Right Start. Philippians 3:13-17.
M., Jan. 12. Promise to Isaac. Genesis 26:2-12.
T., Jan. 13. Promise to Moses. Exodus 3:1-12.
W., Jan. 14. Promise to Joshua. Joshua 1:1-9.
T., Jan. 15. His Comforting Presence. Isaiah 43:1-12.
F., Jan. 16. Promise to a Few. Matthew 18:1-11.
S., Jan. 17. Everlasting Presence. Matthew 28:1-10.
Sun., Jan. 18. Topic—Journeying Not Alone. Isaiah 41:10; Proverbs 13:20.
M., Jan. 19. Authority to Become. John 1:12,13.
T., Jan. 20. Christ the Head. Hebrew 3:1-6.
W., Jan. 21. God Our Father. Romans 8:1-17.
T., Jan. 22. Christ Our Brother. Hebrews 2:9-12.
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LEFT—Bishop Hanns Lilje of the Evangelical Church of Germany is shown leaving the platform with Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German Union, following the broadcast service on Sunday morning during the recent World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Frankfurt. Dr. Lilje appealed to Christians in every land to "become more conscious of the message of the Gospel and to increase the fight against the forces of evil by witnessing everywhere and every time to the principles of the Christian faith."

ABOVE—Christian Endeavor leaders from around the world who participated in the World's Convention shown chatting at the Mayor's Reception are (left to right) Frances M. Becker (U.S.A.); Rev. John Ross (Jamaica); Dr. Raymond Oshimo (Japan); Rev. E. Tychicus (India); Rev. Arno Pagel (Germany); Dr. Daniel A. Poling (U.S.A.), president of the World's Union; His Honor, the Vice-Mayor of Frankfurt; Dr. James S. Mather (Ceylon); and Clara Czia (Hungary).

Christmas

Remember your Christian Endeavor friends with a *different* present this year—a Christian Endeavor present! Here are some suggestions which are sure to prove welcome gifts. Write to Carl Herrmann, manager of the Publishing Department, for a Literature and Supplies Catalog which lists the complete selection of materials available. Say "Merry Christmas" in the Christian Endeavor way this year—with a gift from Christian Endeavor headquarters.

—**Beanies**—red and white or blue and white wool felt with CE emblem. \$.65.

—**Jackets**—zipper front, scarlet, made of water repellent Zelan finished poplin with CE emblem and motto in white on back of jacket. Blue or green jackets also available on special order. Sizes small, medium and large. \$8.50.

—**Junior T-Shirts**—white with blue Junior emblem emblazoned on front. Sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. \$1.50.

—**Adult T-Shirts**—made of fine white cotton, with CE emblem emblazoned on the front in red. Small, medium or large. \$1.75.

—**Ties**—red durable fabric with CE motto emblem in white. \$1.75.

—**Snap-On Bow Ties**—"Colonel" (Long John)—red background with words "CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR" and the CE emblem in white. An effective attention getter. Great for banquets, parties, parades, etc. \$2.00.

—**Gift Pencil**—smartly styled attractive fully mechanical pencil with CE monogram and motto in red and blue ink on white opaque barrel. \$1.00.

—**Retractable Ball Point Pen**—with CE monogram and motto "For Christ and the Church" in red and blue ink on white opaque barrel. Red top trimmed in gold. Packed in cellophane envelope. \$1.00.

—**New Testament with Psalms, Christian Endeavor Edition**—Contains pages with Christian Endeavor pledge, principles and motto. King James Version. Genuine leather, fine grain, flexible overlapping covers, round corners, red under gold edges, ribbon marker, individually boxed, CE emblem stamped in genuine gold on front cover. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "x4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick. \$2.25.

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Inventory Time

No. 1 in a Series: "It's a New Year"

John 6:1-13

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JANUARY

Comments by Elwood Dunn*

Advertising the Meeting

Make posters from some large inventory paper that is ruled in both directions. List some sample entries of assets and liabilities. Print the words "Inventory Time" in large letters on the sheet. They can be blocked in or cut from paper of another color. Be sure to include date and place. Highlight the leader's place in the program.

If a mailing is planned cut up some of the ruled paper and write an invitation to the meeting on it. Then paste it to the back of an ordinary government postal card and mail it.

Aim of the Meeting

To discover some of our personal assets and liabilities and, through evaluation of them, chart the future.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Prelude

Call to Worship:

O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off. (Psalm 139:1,2)

Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*

Invocation

Hymn: *Living for Jesus*

Scripture: John 6:5-14

Announcements

Offering

Hymn: *I Need Jesus* or Special Music

Topic Presentation

Hymn: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Benediction

The Leader Sets the Stage

Every business has a periodic inventory time. It is a time when the value of the business is determined. An inventory is the recording of all assets and items that are for sale, with their evaluation.

An inventory does these things:

1. Gives an accurate accounting of all assets.
2. Indicates the marketable items and their value.
3. Identifies the items for which there is no market.
4. Indicates the direction the business must go to succeed.

If such an inventory is good for business, why wouldn't it be a good thing for an individual? Few of us do a very thorough check-up on ourselves nor do we do it very often. In this meeting we want to take an inventory of the possible assets of a young person so that each of us can make a personal application.

Permanent Assets

Each business institution has assets regarded as permanent. Such things as build-

ings, land, long-lived equipment, etc., are usually regarded as permanent assets.

Every young person, too, has permanent assets. Those institutions which are firmly fixed in society and serve generation after generation could certainly be classed as permanent. Such things as the home, church, and school are examples. They are available to most young people. As a young person he has had little or nothing to do with the establishment of the home in which he lives, the church or school which he attends. The entire social structure was here when he was born and continues into future generations. True, it is modified but it is nonetheless a permanent asset.

Others in this class might be freedom to work, freedom to worship, pursuit of happiness, government, economic system, etc. They're the continuing assets for youth to use.

Marketable Assets

Each company has an inventory of items that it intends to sell to the purchasing public. Groceries, clothing, hardware, automobiles, peanuts, baseballs, and hundreds of other articles are in the inventories of the business houses of our day.

So does a young person have marketable assets. There is a market for physical strength in jobs that require muscle for their performance. Others demand skilled hands and body. Still others require a trained mind. Of course, none of these items actually stands alone. Even the hardest labor requires the use of some mental powers. Artistic ability, capacity to see, hear, and create, are all marketable items.

No Sale

A visit to a refuse heap or city dump will show many articles for which there is no longer any market. Stores almost always have some goods for which there is no sale. Because it is outmoded, broken, lacks wearing qualities, is too high-priced, or for one of many other reasons, the article will not sell. Thus it becomes a drag on the market and in the end represents a loss to the firm.

Is not the same thing true of some of the attitudes that young people develop? Greed, selfishness, hatred, hatefulness, non-cooperative spirit, and haughtiness are characteristics for which there is little or no market. Who would pay good coin of the realm for a sharp tongue, an unforgiving spirit, or a habit of procrastination?

Buzz Session

At this point in the presentation the society should be divided into smaller groups of six or seven. Ask each group in the next few minutes to determine the following things:

1. The four most valuable and permanent assets of a young person. List them in order of their importance.
2. The four most marketable items possessed by a young person, in the order of importance.

3. The four unmarketable items most common to young people. Name them in order of frequency.

As each group reports list the assets on a blackboard along with the liabilities. Have as much discussion as time permits.

The Leader Summarizes

Each group has indicated the items considered important. If all of us would take such an inventory of ourselves it would indicate the direction we should try to go. Such evaluation will show what should be included in our lives and what might better be left out.

In the Scripture that was read for our lesson tonight Jesus was seen teaching people. There was an enormous crowd of them—in fact, five thousand souls. And of them were hungry! They had been there the entire day with Jesus, listening to His marvelous teaching.

Here would have been a good example of supply and demand fixing the price. The hunger was endless but the supply of food was limited. In fact, until an inventory was taken they did not know if there was as much food as all.

When the inventory of available food was completed it revealed a boy with five loaves and two cold fish. The loaves were more than probably the size of a bun than what we normally term loaves.

These were live assets. The lad had a corner on the marketable food. He could have sold at a high price had he chosen to do so. What would you have done? The lad had three choices. He could eat it himself, sell it to the highest bidder, or let the strange and eloquent teacher have it.

Life is full of this kind of choices. Use the God-given powers to satisfy our physical desires? Use them to acquire far more wealth, power, or position for ourselves? Put them in the hands of the Master for His use?

The satisfaction of eating the food himself would have been temporary pleasure for the young boy. Had he sold it for money would soon have disappeared. Putting his valuable possessions into the hands of Jesus brought about a miracle such as he had never even dreamed could happen. Further, it fed five thousand instead of one.

This boy and his loaves took a permanent place in the history of mankind and still learn from his example. He sets the pace for us as young people.

Here are our permanent assets and our marketable ones. These we can give to Him and He blesses and multiplies our power to make them enough to feed the needy.

Without the blessings of Christ our assets are never enough. When we give them wholeheartedly to Him they become enough for our needs and for many others and spare. Often then our liabilities become assets and in letting Jesus have our power our future is determined.

In the closing hymn of consecration we dedicate all our abilities to Christ.

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In Paths of Christian Service

No. 1 in a Series: "Walking with God"

Proverbs 4:18; Psalm 25:4; Romans 12:4-8



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JANUARY 1

Comments by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb*

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer circle
Announcement of topic
Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*
Scriptures: *In the Service of the King; Living for Jesus*
Scripture: Proverbs 4:18; Psalm 25:4; Romans 12:4-8
Prayer (by three Intermediates asked to advance)
Reports (see Planning the Meeting)
Presentation and Discussion of the Topic
Mission time (see Planning the Meeting)
Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Repeat the Christian Endeavor Pledge
Consecration Roll-call: Each responds by telling what he expects to be, how he can serve God in his chosen profession, or by a statement of purpose for the New Year.
Announcements and Offering
Benediction: Psalm 19:14

Planning the Meeting

This is the first of three topics in a unit *Walking with God*. In addition to an announcement in the church bulletin, and poster announcing the series, prepare invitations in the shape of shoe soles to hand out or mail to all Intermediates. Ask the Outlook Committee to contact all members, reminding them of the Consecration Roll-call.

Start the New Year right by having a prayer circle, and pray earnestly that the aims of the meeting may be realized.

Secure copies of the leaflet, *What Is a Lifework Recruit?* from the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Ask your minister or sponsor to be prepared to answer questions and to give an opportunity for those who would like to present their plans for full-time Christian service. At this time, service in 1959 he might also call for deeper consecration on the part of all present.

If feasible, assign Intermediates to interview a minister, church secretary, youth director, missionary, Y.M.C.A. secretary, or social service worker and report to the meeting.

For the Sponsor

Check to see that leaflets *What Is a Lifework Recruit?* are ordered, and that Quiet Hour blanks are on hand for use on the next two Sundays. Also this is a last minute call to send for the Christian Endeavor Week Packet. Review all materials and complete your plans for celebration of this important time.

Mrs. Webb is a long-time Endeavorer from Tillamook, Oregon, having served as sponsor of many Intermediate groups and as a state union officer.

AIMS

1. To help the Intermediates see that God has a place for each one in His service.
2. To help each one determine to find his place in God's will and prepare to fill it.
3. To bring a new appreciation of Christian Endeavor as a training school for Christian service.
4. To challenge the Intermediates to consider various avenues of full-time Christian service.

For the Leader

The purpose of our topic tonight is to present opportunities for full-time Christian service. To every young person there comes a time when he has to make a great decision—will he make only a living, or will he make a life?

God needs all of us to carry on His work. He has given us different talents and abilities, likes and dislikes. He expects us to use these God-given talents in His service. As the lesson is presented, let each one ask himself, "What is my place in God's plan?" Whatever your talent, there is some place where you can use it in the kingdom of God and make your life a blessing to the world.

Lesson Material

William Carey, as a young fellow, was a poor shoemaker, but he went from village to village preaching to the English people. One day a friend chided him for neglecting his work, but Carey replied, "My business is to extend the kingdom of God. I only cobble shoes to pay expenses."

A few years later Carey went to India as a missionary. Not having any financial backing, he had to work for a living and teach on the side, but he became famous for translating the Bible into many languages and dialects. At last he was appointed a professor in Calcutta College at a fine salary, but he only kept enough on which to live, and used the rest to promote the work of God.

When Jane Addams was a little girl her father took her on a business trip to visit a mill in the poorest section of the city. Jane lived in a large house with a large yard, and up until this time did not realize that everybody did not have as nice a home. She determined that when she grew up she would live in a large house, built among horrid little houses such as she had seen, and that she would invite all the poor people to come inside. From that day she prepared herself for her work in Hull House in Chicago, which is the type of house she had dreamed of as a girl—and more!

It would be impossible to mention all of the thousands of acts of mercy, deeds of kindness and personal helpfulness which made Jane Addams so beloved.

Opportunities for Christian Service

Social Service. A career in social service offers the opportunity to live for Christ by

serving the unfortunate. Health work is carried on daily in cities, towns, and isolated homes by visiting nurses. Hospital clinics need volunteers to help those unable otherwise to afford needed medical care. The Red Cross brings food and shelter in the wake of national disaster. As in other careers for Christ, the social worker needs a college education, with special emphasis on courses on sociology. An important part of the equipment for this work is a genuine love for people, no matter how unpleasant may be their surroundings. Special training in nursing and public health work is also helpful. This field offers thrilling opportunities to heed the Master's challenge, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Missionary. Probably no career for Christ offers a greater variety of opportunities and fields of Christian service than that of the missionary. In addition to evangelistic missionaries, doctors, nurses, consecrated teachers and workers in many other lines are badly needed in home and foreign fields. Missionaries are Christ's goodwill ambassadors. They carry the Gospel to far places under most trying conditions. In addition to a willingness to leave home and country, they should have good health and a sound constitution. Foreign languages and customs must be learned, and a deep, sustaining faith is needed to carry them through long periods of obscurity, loneliness, and discouragement.

Ministry. A fruitful career for Christ is the Christian ministry. Among requirements for success in this field are good health, some ability as a public speaker, capacity for leadership, tact, patience, sympathy, and human understanding. A well-rounded education, plus special training in a Bible-training institution will be needed to acquire the necessary knowledge of people and of God's Word. In addition to this, a minister must have a desire to preach. Without a passion for saving souls, he would be but an empty mouthpiece. A minister must have a burning love for Jesus and a desire to bring others to Him. Souls must be more important than money. He must be willing to face hardship and discouragement for His sake.

Questions

1. If our life purpose is right, does it make any difference what profession we choose to follow?

2. Why are truly great people those who forget themselves in the service of others?

3. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Without me ye can do nothing"? What did Dwight L. Moody, one of God's greatest evangelists, mean when he said, "Let God have your life; He can do more with it than you can"?



Getting the Right Start

No. 2 in a Series: "It's a New Year"

Philippians 3:13-17

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JANUARY

Comments by James Humphreys*

Aim of This Topic

To help teen-agers and older youth get the "right start" in 1959 toward a mature Christian faith.

How to Use This Topic

1. **Planning:** Take a quick look at the material on this page. As you can see, we've suggested a number of approaches. Your job as a leader is to start with these and then do your own thinking. Improve on these ideas as much as you can—and make PEOPLE, not a PROGRAM, the end.
2. **Publicity:** Post a roadmap on a bulletin board or wall. In a contrasting color print across or above it: **DESTINATION UNKNOWN?** Add in smaller letters the time and place of the meeting. Or . . . if your society isn't too sophisticated to appreciate it, use a *rocket theme* in both the publicity and program outline.
3. **Prayer-Prelude:** Start five or ten minutes before the meeting. Have quiet piano music, a worship center, a blackboard or poster showing the Scripture for the meeting (Philippians 3:13-17).

Bible Study: Life Purposes

If your society is large, divide into two or more groups of 10-15 each for this period of Bible study. Make sure everyone has a Bible—and if possible have another translation than the King James handy for comparison.

Read each of the selected passages carefully, asking *what the central purpose of each person's life was*. Discuss the value of these purposes in terms of their results. (If possible, assign one person to each Bible character for advance "research.")

1. **David:** Read Psalm 51:1-10 (referring to II Samuel, ch. 11-12, for background) and I Kings 2:1-3.

2. **Solomon:** Read I Kings 3:5-13.

3. **The writer of Ecclesiastes:** Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-15 and 12:13. The word "vanity" here means the emptiness of a life apart from God. Consult your pastor and a Bible dictionary for background on this difficult book.

4. **Jesus:** Read Isaiah 61:1,2 and Luke 4:16-21; John 10:9-11; Matthew 20:25-28; John 18:37.

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5. **A rich young man:** Read Mark 10:17-22.

6. **A widow:** Read Mark 12:41-44.

7. **A man of property:** Read Luke 12:15-21.

8. **Paul:** Read Philippians 1:21 and 3:4-17. (J. B. Phillips' translation, *Letters to Young Churches*, would be helpful.)

Minute Meditations

Ask three people to read these passages from the Bible and then explain in a minute how each relates to the theme, "Getting the Right Start."

Galatians 6:7,8
Matthew 6:31,33
Luke 14:28-30

The Crossroads: Which Way?

Teen-agers (especially those out of high school) face an important decision—whether to grow into a deeper, more mature Christian faith, or to let the Christian commitment they have made be reduced to one among many competing interests.

This is the real significance of "getting the right start"—not just making a few well-meant resolves, but deciding one way or another what life's purpose really is. Some will keep a childish faith, others will grow into a childlike faith. The question is, *Why?*

Ask a panel of three or four youth and one adult to discuss the following questions, throwing each one open afterwards to the whole group.

(1) *What are some of the specific goals that teen-agers and young adults can center their immediate lives around?* List these on a blackboard if possible. Some might be . . . a car, personal acceptance by the group, a sports letter, money, high grades in school or college, a good time, getting job advancement.

(2) *Which, if any, of these goals are incompatible with the Christian life? Where do they conflict with it?* Personal experiences are helpful at this point. Don't force the issue, but the group should realize, in looking frankly at these short-range goals, that none of them is "wrong" until it begins to rank *first* in the individual's scale of values. Check Matthew 6:24,33 or Matthew 19:16-22.

(3) *How can I as an individual meet my growing freedom and responsibility, and at the same time become a more mature Christian?* This question may sound vague at first, but don't be satisfied until the panel or group has gotten some very specific answers to it. These could center on . . . use of free time, choice of closest friends, prayer habits, watching television vs. creative recreation, dating habits, church attendance,

concern for seeking out the Bible's message rather than relying on a scattered knowledge of Bible stories, personal habit of concern for sharing the Christian attitude toward life with those who are entangled in emotional and financial worries.

(4) *Where, if anywhere, do our Sunday school, church services, and youth programs fall short in giving older youth a faith which will be relevant in every life situation—falling in love to buying a '59 Ford?* In short, why does high school graduation usually mean loss of interest in religion? List on a blackboard some of the most frequent needs and concerns of your age group. Discuss in terms of meeting these needs through Christian fellowship of the church.

(5) *What makes for a consistent Christian life?* If this seems hard to pin down at first, suggest that everyone think of a Christian adult whom he admires. What makes this person's life consistently Christian? Re-think the significance of the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:3-8,18-23) which points up clearly the whole problem being discussed. If you have time, read together the concise statement of Christian consistency given by Paul in I Thessalonians 5:16-18. The key words . . . "evermore," "without ceasing," "in every thing."

Suggestions for Closing Worship

- * Chorus: *I Want God's Way to Be My Way*
- * Read Psalm 1 in unison, or have two people represent the two ways, one reading verses 1,4,5,6b and the other reading 2,3,6a.
- * Read Matthew 7:13-14 ("strait" = narrow).
- * "The Ways," a poem by John Oxenford.
- * Solo: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* followed by meditation and prayer.

Now Get Started!

1. Ask your pastor, the counselor, teacher, or a qualified layman to lead a series of talk-it-over sessions on "What It Means to Be a Christian." These could be held at different homes on a regular basis, or as a part of the Christian Endeavor meeting. Emphasize sharing problems and experiences.

2. List those in your age group who have dropped out of church activities. Start a program of visitation to let them know what your society is doing and to invite them to come. Persistence, backed by a real concern on your part, will get results.

Have you made adequate plans for the celebration of Christian Endeavor Week January-February 1959? A complete packet, full of suggestions and helps, is available for just 50¢ from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Write now for Christian Endeavor's 78th birthday celebration.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WEEK

In the Light of His Truth

No. 2 in a Series: "Walking with God"

Psalm 119:30; John 16:13



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JANUARY 11

Comments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh°

Our Program Procedure

For hymns use: *Begin Each Day With Us; Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah; I Could Be Like Jesus.*

It will be well if the one who leads in prayer is coached in advance to make special reference to the Scriptures—the written revelation of God and redemption through His Son Christ Jesus.

Have a mixed quartet sing a special song such as *The Old Book and the Old Faith*, each member carrying his Bible, and raising heavenward on the last chorus.

Have the group stand and read responsively Psalm 119:9-28.

Catching the Attention

With a little work on the part of leaders and interested Christian Endeavorers some simple folders could be made in the shape of a Bible giving the announcement of the meeting. Request all to bring their Bibles. An inexpensive bookmark could be given to each who brings their Bible.

For room arrangement have the platform, pulpit, or entire room arranged with some special Bible motif. The large pulpit Bible could be opened on a stand and displayed either at the door or in front of the altar.

Our Counselor Can Help

The counselor will spend several hours in helping the leader plan the program. It takes just the slightest novelty to make a program excitingly interesting. The American Bible Society, 59th Street and Park Avenue, New York, New York, can furnish cassettes, motion pictures, and copies (sheets) of the Bible in Braille and some other languages.

Thought Starters

The Bible is a treasure book. From Genesis to Revelation one discovers gems of estimable beauty. Some of these precious ones lie near the surface, while others are buried deeply and can be mined only by diligent and tedious study. But the effort is rewarding. Only the youth who pushed his way into this sacred room of promises can tell you the thrills of discovery.

Christians in every generation have cherished certain passages in the Bible above others. These Scriptures represent mountain peaks of revelation. Perhaps some victory has been won because of the discovery of a passage.

Name some passages that seem to speak especially to youth.

What Are Some Fundamental Truths?

Our topic is "In the Light of His Truth." We must know, first of all, some of the basic truths. Let us search for some of the fundamental truths which are to be found in the Bible. They can be found in the following passages:

1. God is like a loving father (John 3:16; John 4:8,16; Luke 11:2).

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OUR AIMS

1. To see the Bible as a precious cargo of truth and beauty.

2. To develop a desire for deeper study of the Word of God and making it a guide to living in today's world.

3. To discover how best to personally appropriate God's truths as found in His Word.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What kind of book is the Bible?

How can God speak to youth through the Bible?

What reasons do we have for believing that God speaks to us through the Bible?

How can we know whether what we read in the Bible is God's will?

What are some of the teachings of the Bible which give us guidance for our own living?

How do the lives of great men of the Bible serve as a yardstick for our own lives?

Should we always follow the example of biblical characters? Why or why not?

What attitudes on my own part will help me to find most meaning in Bible study?

Discuss possible plans for Bible study in your daily schedule. Which would fit your situation best?

What should we expect to happen as a result of Bible study?

2. The most important thing in life is to live in accordance with God's will (Matt. 26:36-39; Mark 14:32-36; Luke 22:31-42.).

3. God's will is for men to live together in loving relationships, showing by their acts their concern for each other (Matthew 5:43-48; 25:31-46; Micah 6:8; Amos 5:14, 15, 21-24; I Corinthians 12:31b—13:13).

4. Material wealth and possessions are of a secondary importance and are to be used for worthy purposes (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 6:19-21; 6:24-33; 18:16-24; Luke 12:15-31).

5. Find life by losing yourself in a cause that is more important to you than life itself (Matthew 10:34-38).

These are but a few of the fundamental truths which are to be found in the Bible. Those cited merely scratch the surface of a mine of truth richer in comparison than the most productive gold or diamond mine the world has ever known. Let us search the Scriptures anew for the truth it has to offer about God and what He expects of man.

How Make Our Bible Study Yield Results?

Always we should approach the Bible reverently, with an inquiring mind. If we want truth, we will find it. If we want inspiration, it is there.

Ray Smith suggests that the Bible should be used as a cookbook is used. If we seek devotional material for personal inspiration, we will turn to the Psalms. If we are seek-

ing assurance which will strengthen our faith, we will read the second part of Isaiah. If we seek words on social justice, we will turn to Amos or Micah.

The Quiet Hour

Our Bible is helpful for the morning watch or the period of personal meditation. We may plan our own outline, using the Psalms and the New Testament, letting them inspire us to pray and illumine the problems which we face for the day. Quite often devotional materials which take a given passage day by day will be helpful.

Memorization

Gems of literature, expressing the truth about life, are abundant in the Bible. All of us should commit some of them to memory. They are inspiring, and they form a sort of standard of good taste for other good literature. Make your own selections. You will certainly wish to include some of the following: Psalms 1, 8, 19, 23, 90, portions of 51 and 103; sections of Isaiah; the Beatitudes; Luke 4:16-21; I Corinthians 13.

Systematic Study

Some general ways to discover the original message of the Bible are as follows: (1) by books—taking a given book for minute study; (2) by a comparative study of similar books—such as the first three Gospels; (3) by themes—tracing a given topic through the New Testament and summarizing the teaching found.

Group Study

Use group study. Here a given passage or a given book is minutely examined for its message. Every one should have his Bible, and serious discussion should center around the actual meaning of the passage as given and its message for our times.

Bible Quiz

This session may be closed with a Bible quiz. Space forbids listing questions, but quiz numbers 8, 14, 23, 28 in Bethany Bible Quiz are good. Better still, make your own set of questions—including some of the items covered in this study of the Bible.

Some Additional Helps

Prayer: *The Book of Books*, by Joseph Fort Newton.

Poems: *The Universal Book*, by Walt Whitman; *God's Word*, by John Greenleaf Whittier, and *A New Light*, by Winfred Ernest Garfield.

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, \$5 per dozen, \$40 per hundred.



Journeying Not Alone

No. 3 in a Series: "It's a New Year"

Isaiah 41:10; Proverbs 13:20

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JANUARY

Comments by Rev. Robert Hess*

Publicity

A poster for the meeting could show a young person at home, surrounded by a crowd of other young people. Print the words, "Come to Christian Endeavor Sunday night at _____. Find out how you can travel with Christ."

Be sure to give a good announcement in the Sunday School Department. Send a couple of lines to the church office to be inserted in the bulletin.

Programs Plans

Begin preparation at least two weeks before the meeting. The Sunday before give out written assignments. The Saturday before make telephone reminders to those who will assist.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Song Service

Be sure a list of songs is prepared for both the leader and pianist. Use such favorites as "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, I Would Be Like Jesus, and Blessed Assurance. Try also *Christian Endeavor* and *God's Way My Way*.

Leader's Introduction

Fellow, girl, Endeavorers all, we are to discuss tonight a grand theme, "Journeying Not Alone." In life we are each a part of a family and a community with its various interests. However, in the midst of these surroundings there are times when we must depend upon our own inner resources. What we know of our God and His ways is the true source of our convictions and aspirations. Christ, our Saviour, has promised never to leave us, and will be with us always.

Our first consideration should be to find out what God says about it. But before we study our Bibles, shall we sing a prayer song?

Song

I Come to the Garden Alone
(If possible, dim the lights and put a spotlight on a beautiful garden scene or one of Christ kneeling in Gethsemane. If a filmstrip is available with the words, that would be excellent. Perhaps a solo or duet would work in nicely for this song.)

Leader

Let us consider the text of our topic, found in Isaiah 40:31. It says, "They that wait upon the Lord"—

1. Shall renew their strength
2. Shall mount up with wings as eagles
3. Shall run, and not be weary
4. Shall walk, and not faint

(Select some strong Christians to testify with the following directives.)

_____, you are a member of the Quiet Hour. Can you explain what it means to "renew your strength"?

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LEADER'S PREPARATION CHART

(Check off the items)

Your topic should have been assigned by the Devotional Committee several weeks ahead to enable you to gather materials from your experiences in school, work, church life, and personal devotions. Be sure to consult with your counselor and pastor for other help and experience.

Particularly the week before check yourself on the following items:

- Was the lesson studied? _____
- Follow the daily readings for Bible background, and devotional experiences. A little preparation each day will give you much material and greater confidence.
- Did you get a notice in the church bulletin or local newspaper? _____
- Were invitations or cards mailed? _____
- What about a poster or an announcement in your Sunday school group? _____
- Did you assign parts for others to take? _____
- Did you write out their part so that there would be no slip-up? _____
- Did you plan the program so that everyone present could have some part in the meeting? _____
- Have the hymns and choruses been selected and a list prepared for your song leader and pianist? _____
- Did you arrange a good opening talk, and a closing that could bring decisions in the lives of your friends? _____
- Have you PRAYED much about the entire meeting? _____

_____, tell us about the life of an eagle. See Deuteronomy 32:11.

_____, you are a track man. How can God help you win in the race of life?

_____, girls seem to be able to endure a great deal. How can we walk in our lives and not faint?

Prayer-Time

The Scripture considered and thoughts given thus far should give good background for all to participate in sentence prayers.

Leader

We have some further texts on the theme of waiting on the Lord. (Have various members read the selections.)

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| Wait for Salvation | Lamentations 3:26 |
| Wait for Adoption | Romans 8:23 |
| Wait for Promise | Acts 1:4 |
| Wait for Our Hope | Galatians 5:5 |
| Wait for His Son | I Thessalonians 1:10 |

Song

Near to the Heart of God

Leader

May we look up a few more verses of Scripture before we enter our discussion period. I Corinthians 3:16,17 and 6:19,20 tell us of one that lives in our hearts if we are true believers. I Peter 5:8 tells us that we have an adversary. We can be victors if we apply James 4:7 to our lives. And I John 4:4 speaks of Christ being more pow-

erful than Satan that oppresses us. Christ's promise in Matthew 28:19 tells that He will be with us always.

Discussion

With the full realization that we are on our own, shall we consider some group situations from ordinary life and try to deal with the rule of:

- Christ First
- Family Second
- Others Third
- Self Fourth

Group One—Family

How do I use television?
What place is there for the family altar?
Is there agreement through a family council?

Group Two—Friends

What are my dating habits?
Is it right to have "steadies"?
When is it proper to plan marriage?

Group Three—Church

How much of my life should be spent in church?
How can we be of service in the church?
What is loyalty to the society?

Group Four—School

How can I best use my noon hour?
How can athletics give opportunities for testimony?
What about extracurricular activities?

Group Five—Social Groups

What amusements are right for a Christian?
What is stewardship of time and money?
Dare I be a part of some gangs or other social groups of the day?

Arrange to have one person lead in each of these five groups. They can each select members for their group or you may arbitrarily divide the society. After a few minutes of parley, each group could read its findings. Assigning this ahead to the group leader could result in a thoughtful presentation.

Summary

We journey not alone through life. Christ knows our every thought and action. He would lead us on to greater heights.

The story is told of a soldier who went away to service. He was asked upon his return how things had gone with him. A Christian. His reply was to the effect that he had had no difficulty.

When further quizzed about his spiritual reading and prayer times he simply replied that he had not engaged in them and that anyone could see him.

Is your life being hidden without Christ shining through you? In a day when confusion is gaining momentum the Christian must be on guard lest he be swept away with the crowd. Can we do this in our own strength? The answer comes in our Christian Endeavor Pledge and a real dedication to all that it calls for. We can then say, "If God be for us, who can be against us!"

Concluding Song

More Like the Master

Benediction

Prayer and Fellowship

No. 3 in a Series: "Walking with God"

Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:7; James 5:16



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JANUARY 18

Comments by Frances M. Becker*

The Power of Prayer

God is the source of all power. (Read I Chronicles 29:11 and Matthew 28:18) God's direct line of contact with God is through prayer. Therefore a Christian's power, which is the only true, lasting greatness, comes from God through prayer. That power is positive and unlimited for in Romans 8:28 we read, "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." How much power you receive depends on how much and how sincerely you call on the Lord, how much and how sincerely you listen to His voice and how much faith you have in His promises. James 5:16 says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Even secular literature recognizes the power of prayer for Lord Alfred Tennyson in his *Idylls of the Kings* says, "More things are wrought by prayer in this world dreams of."

The Purpose of Prayer

Why do we pray to God? Prayer is man's means of fellowshiping with God. Our heavenly Father delights in hearing the cries of His children ascending to Him in prayer just as an earthly father likes to talk to and listen to his children. Through prayer we ask for God's guidance and counsel for our lives. We pray that we might avoid the temptations of sin and that our faith might be strengthened from day to day. In the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 6, Christ gives us a sample prayer which has become known as the "Lord's Prayer." It also speaks of the attitude of prayer. How should we speak to our Heavenly Father? Read Matthew 6 to see how many verses you can find which describe our manner in praying. Start with reverence, humility, simplicity, and sincerity.

The Plan of Prayer

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus says, "Do not vain repetitions" in praying. Sometimes people have difficulty in speaking to God because they do not know how to pray for what to pray. They are unfamiliar with the ingredients which make for successful prayer. In each prayer there should be a place for:

1. Adoration, praising God the Father, Maker of heaven and earth
2. Thanksgiving for all of God's goodness to us
3. Confession, asking God to forgive our sins
4. Intercession, remembering others at the Throne of Grace
5. Petition, making our requests known unto God
6. Listening for God's voice to speak to us
7. Acknowledging God's final authority

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over our lives. We pray, "If it be Thy will."

Someone has cleverly said that the ACTS of man which should be found in prayer are:

A doration
C onfession
T hanksgiving
S upplication

Perhaps that part of prayer which is most frequently omitted in most of our fellowshiping with God is listening to His voice. We are so busy telling God that we neglect to let Him talk to us. God says, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Perhaps that is why we have one mouth and two ears so that we could do twice as much listening to God.

The Participants in Prayer

No matter where or when you pray, prayer is a sacred fellowship between God and you. Even when there are five, ten, one hundred people around and you pray aloud so that all might hear, prayer is still between God and you. Most of our prayers are quiet ones, said on our knees at the side of our bed, said each day during our quiet time with God, said on the way to school or work, said in a noisy school lunch-room, said wherever and whenever an opportunity arises to speak with God.

Sometimes we are asked to pray aloud with others present. Let's not become self-conscious, because it is still God to whom we are speaking and perhaps through our oral prayers someone listening may come to learn to speak with God.

Comrades of the Quiet Hour

Christian Endeavor through the years has found the fellowship between God and young people through prayer and Bible reading a very important part of its program. What better way to come to know God and know His will for your life than to daily spend some quiet time with Him. So "Comrades of the Quiet Hour" came into being. This is a group of Christian Endeavorers who, recognizing the need in their busy, active lives for fellowshiping with God, promise that they will spend at least fifteen minutes each day in prayer and Bible reading. At first young people have said that fifteen minutes seem like such a long time to be still and seek God. Pretty soon, however, they find that they need and want more and more time for that "sweet hour of prayer" which strengthens and refreshes their lives. Covenant cards to become a member of the "Comrades of the Quiet Hour" may be secured through the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Many Christian Endeavor societies and unions have a pre-prayer session before their regular meeting times, their rallies or whatever activity they are holding. This is not an organized activity. Five or ten minutes before starting time those who are present just gather in a corner of the room or in another room for a few minutes of prayer. Here they ask God to bless the meeting and to guide and direct the young

people so that they might feel God's presence. Many societies have grown and prospered because they invite God to be present at everything they undertake.

How effective is your society? How often do you invite God to meet with you? Do you seek God's will through prayer before you plan your society's program? How many of your members belong to the "Comrades of the Quiet Hour"? Your society will be strong and powerful in proportion to the amount of time you spend in learning God's will and seeking to do it.

Getting Ready

1. Leaders may send to the International Society of Christian Endeavor for folders for their society members on "What Is the Quiet Hour?" (Send at least two weeks in advance.)

2. Leaders may assign various parts of this lesson at least a week in advance, to a number of people so that many might participate. Encourage the young people to add experiences of their own dealing with their topic.

3. Leaders should set up a special prayer center or altar so that the atmosphere of the meeting room is conducive to prayer.

Program Hints

1. Invite early comers to a brief pre-prayer meeting in another room (five minutes in which to pray for the success of the evening meeting).

2. Have the pianist play music at the beginning of the meeting conducive to a prayerful attitude (for example, *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*).

3. Select hymns ahead of time which emphasize prayer (for example, *Sweet Hour of Prayer*).

4. Have a brief sharp-shooting contest on what the Bible says about prayer (leaders should prepare a list of ten or twelve Bible verses which mention prayer; give the reference and see who can find and read the verse first).

5. Have a display of Quiet Hour helps (*Today, The Upper Room*, etc.).

6. Encourage members of your society to become "Comrades of the Quiet Hour."

7. Encourage your young people to make a prayer list of family, friends, missionaries, and others so that by the end of the year they would have 365 people for whom they are praying by name. Get in the habit of praying for people by name rather than in groups.

8. Have someone recite a poem like:

PRAYER

Prayer is so simple;
It is like quietly opening a door
And slipping into the very presence of
God,
There in the stillness
To listen to His voice;
Perhaps to petition,
Or only to listen;
It matters not.
Just to be there
In His presence
Is prayer.

—Selected



In the Household of God

No. 1 in a Series: "Christian Endeavor Week—Youth Week"

Ephesians 2:19

(Denominational Sunday—Beginning Christian Endeavor Week)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JANUARY 29

Comments by Dr. Samuel S. Haas*

Aim

To discover and accept the challenge of life in the household of God by: (a) considering the nature and function of the church; and (b) considering what it means to live in the household of God.

Suggested Program Outline

Call to Worship
Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Scripture: Matthew 12:46-50
Hymn: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*
Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Presentation and Discussion of Topic
Hymn: *For Christ and the Church*
Benediction

Guidance for Leader

Select four members of the group at least two weeks in advance and assign to each an area of this subject to develop for presentation. Supply each with suggested resource material and encourage each to present the material in terms of family life. The leader should be prepared to introduce the subject by setting forth the nature and function of the church in terms of a household of faith. Then, the leader should call upon each of the other speakers in turn and at the conclusion give a brief summing up of the main thoughts presented. Follow this presentation with a question and answer period using the suggested questions as a starting point.

Topic Presentation

The Leader

Begin by pointing out how large a place is in the thinking and concern of Paul was the Church. This can be done by showing how much of his writings deal with this subject. I Timothy and Titus set forth his view of the Church and its officers. Ephesians links vitally the Person and Work of Christ and the Church. For further information on this subject consult the brief introductions to each of Paul's letters as found, for example, in the *Westminster Study Edition of the Bible*, Westminster Press, Philadelphia. Then point out some of the terms he uses to describe the Church: Ephesians 1:23; 2:19; I Corinthians 3:16; Galatians 6:10. Of all such expressions perhaps the most intimate is that found in Ephesians 2:19.

Set forth, then, the nature of the Church in terms of a household of God, a family united to Him, the Father, by faith in Jesus Christ, the Elder Brother, and to each other by Christ's love in each heart toward the

other members of the family (Romans 8:17). Point out that as a family we have the love and care of our heavenly Father, the joy of fellowship with our sisters and brothers in Christ, our duty to obey our heavenly Father, and the mutual help and encouragement to grow and develop into the fullness of our Elder Brother so that like Him it may be said of us that we go about doing good, making the love of God manifest in all of our living.

First Speaker: The Local Congregation

Set forth the responsibility of a member of God's household as far as the family of faith is concerned. This can be done by likening the church member to a son or daughter. Study carefully the service of reception of new church members upon confession of faith. This can be obtained from the pastor. Set forth the duties and obligations assumed at that time in terms of children in the family. For example, such responsibilities can be described in terms of learning, practicing, helping, and sharing.

Second Speaker: The Denomination

All families have ancestors and the tracing back of these results in a family tree. Likewise, a church member's denomination has its historical roots. To help you present the origins and growth of your denominational family tree secure from the pastor a pamphlet on the history of your denomination. Point out the reasons which gave birth to your particular branch of God's household, the distinctive beliefs it emphasizes, and their value today. Also show what the member of your church has in the way of responsibilities toward the denomination.

Third Speaker: Interdenominational Cooperation

There are some things which a denomination cannot do by itself any more than a family. By uniting the family with other families of similar mind and intent a stronger witness and influence can be made to accomplish desirable ends. The same is true of the local church through working with other churches in any given area or the denomination through the National Council of Churches or the National Association of Evangelicals. To stimulate thought consider such matters as: youth rallies and fellowship made possible by the Christian Endeavor movement; large evangelistic campaigns; defeat of bad legislation or passage of good laws; problems such as delinquency, race relations, labor-management relations, etc. Secure descriptive folders of the purpose, organization, and work of the local or state council of churches and the national council or some other such group. Perhaps your pastor has this material.

Fourth Speaker: World-Wide Church

Just as one state or country could do little as far as influencing for good the affairs of

men throughout the world so is this true of any national church. But such can be accomplished by joining forces with other areas in the world as, for example, the United Nations, and what is true of nations is also true of churches. The local church, the denomination, and the interdenominational movement can affect world problems through world-wide Christian organizations. Secure information describing the organization and work of one such group so as to stimulate your thinking along these lines for the good of the individual member of the household of God. Your thoughts should include the missionary movement and its need to make a single witness for Christ in lands beyond our borders; the handling of world relief problems; the fight against religious bigotry and intolerance in many lands; the translation and distribution of the Scriptures; the care of lepers; and influencing world affairs in the name and spirit of Christ.

Leader

Give a brief summary of the ideas set forth in terms of a member of God's family with respect to the immediate family, grow into the likeness of our Elder Brother with whom the Father was well-pleased, spirit and service; with respect to the denomination—honoring the family's past and upholding its good name through cooperation and support of its program and ideas with respect to other denominations by being willing to unite forces for the attainment of a Christian community and Christian country; with respect to the world by supporting the missionary movements, Bible Societies, relief programs, and peace movements.

Idea for Advertising Meeting

In the center of a poster paste or draw a picture of a church with people entering it. Draw a circle around it in red and print in the space thus delineated the word *Community*. Draw a larger circle around the one in blue. Print in the space thus formed the word *State*. Draw a larger circle orange and write in this space *Nation*. Draw a larger circle about these in green and write in the space *World*. At the top of the poster write: *In the Household of God*. At the bottom write: Christian Endeavor Meeting (date), (time), (place).

QUESTIONS

1. As a member of the "household of God" have I been fulfilling my total responsibility in terms of the complete picture of it presented? If not, why?
2. In the light of the presentation of this topic how can I be a more worthy member of the "household of God"?
3. Should loyalty to one's denomination be the first duty of a member of the "household of God"?

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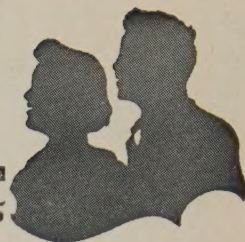
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Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JANUARY 25



Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong*

Introducing the Topic

Before the topic is discussed as suggested in this outline for the meeting, it would be good thing for the leader to make some preliminary remarks about the church. At this meeting we are going to try to answer two questions: What is the church? What is my relation to the church? This is an important topic for every Christian Endeavorer because our motto is: *For Christ and the Church*. Many suggestions should be made and definitions given as to the real meaning, task and function of the church. In this meeting, however, we are going to try to work out a definition that is really meaningful to all of us.

Questionnaire

The leader should prepare a mimeographed sheet before the meeting. At this point this is given to the members who are present. Take some time to fill out the sheet carefully.

Test on the Church

What is the church?

- a. The church is a building in which religious services are held.
- b. It is a divine organization which has been established by God.
- c. It is a group of people bound together by their loyalty to Christ.
- d. The church is a service in which people worship God.

Why do we have a church?

- a. Because church members find it easier to do what is right when associated with others.
- b. Because the church was established by Jesus to carry on His work in the world.
- c. Because people need a place where they may learn about the Bible.

Is the church of real value to the community?

- a. It is of value because it makes the community safer through converting evil people.
- b. It is of little value because it often meddles in business and politics.
- c. It is of value because it is concerned with pressing social, racial and religious problems.

Should we join the church?

- a. Yes, because then we shall be saved and go to heaven.
- b. It is of little value to join the church because it is behind the times.
- c. We should join the church because it will help us to live unselfishly, deal justly, right the wrong and openly confess Christ.

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LESSONS AIMS

1. To give young people a deeper understanding of the church.
 2. To urge young people to surrender to Christ and become a part of the church.
 3. To capture a deeper understanding of the world-wide breadth of the church.
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5. What should people be asked to do who join the church?
 - a. Agree to a written creed about God and Jesus which the church has adopted.
 - b. Pledge to give money to support the church.
 - c. Give up smoking, swearing, bad habits.
 - d. Decide to try to live the Christian life with the help of God.

Discussion

The leader ought now in open discussion with the group study the answers given to the preceding questions. First, ask, by a raising of hands, who chose each answer to the questions. Take one question at a time. After tabulating the results discuss each answer with the group. Let those who have chosen a specific answer tell why it was chosen. Remember, each answer is not necessarily a yes or a no.

Question 1. What Is the Church?

The church is a building and too often in our experience we substitute the building for the congregation. The church, as a divine God—ordained organization, is certainly a real truth, but it takes some theological understanding to clearly see it as such. Perhaps the best answer is loyalty to Christ, remembering that it includes the new birth. (Read John 1:12,13)

Question 2. Why Do We Have a Church?

There is definitely a need for fellowship and mutual cooperation in a hostile world. We also need Bible study. The clearest answer probably is that through it Christ establishes and carries out His work. Here our responsibility and share in the work should be emphasized.

Question 3. Is the Church of Real Value to the Community?

Wherever this topic is discussed, the church will have made some kind of an impression. What kind of an impression does your church make on your community? Is the church really indispensable? What would happen in your community if the church closed her doors?

Question 4. Should We Join the Church?

This topic is directed especially to young people who are seriously considering church membership. Suggest to your pastor or sponsor that they urge commitment to the young people present. Try to understand the

deepest meaning of church membership. Is it just because we want to go to heaven or because we really love Christ?

Question 5. What Should People Be Asked to Do Who Join the Church?

Many people think creeds are unimportant. Point out their historical significance. Ask your pastor about those of your specific denomination. Stewardship is also important. Perhaps the fourth answer is the best one.

Summary

Having discussed the answers to the various questions, try to summarize the purpose and task of the church.

Church Membership

How: We are born into the family of God. It is important to remember that church membership, although it may be externally easy, demands internal struggle for we must surrender the will to Christ.

Who: The church is for everyone. No one is too wicked to be saved. The church ought not to exclude anyone because of his nationality or race or background. Sometimes this exclusion is subtle (freeze them out). It is wrong! Read Revelation 7:9.

When: Not at a specific time or age but when in your own heart and life you are willing to submit to the claims of Jesus, then become a church member.

Why: Because Jesus asks us to confess Him (See Matthew 10:32).

A World-Wide Fellowship

One of the greatest surprises in Christian Endeavor work for many young people is to find Christian fellowship outside of their own denominational circle. Try to get a world-wide vision. Everywhere there are those who love Christ as you do.

Worship Suggestions

Appropriate Scripture passages are Ephesians 2:13-22, Revelation 7:9-17.

Hymns: *The Church's One Foundation; Faith of Our Fathers; In Christ There Is No East or West.*

Here are some quotations you might use: "One of the greatest obstacles in the way of God's work today is the want of love among those who are the disciples of the Lord Jesus. Nothing but love can find out the mysterious avenues which lead to the heart"—Dwight L. Moody.

"It is possible for one to be a Christian and not connect himself with the church, but it is not probable that a Christian will do so."

"Going to church will not make you a saint any more than going to school will make you a scholar"—Spurgeon.



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claimed that His power in miracles is satanic
instead of divine (Luke 11:15).

But He would draw followers, beginning
with the twelve disciples. Crowds will hear
Him. Hopeful souls will bring to Jesus the
sick and crippled. One leader, Nicodemus
(John 3:1-21; 7:50; 19:39), can be counted
on His side. The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-
12) may be considered descriptive of the
types of persons who "heard Him gladly."

Luke's Gospel shows events in a period
in which Jesus ministered to the whole Jew-
ish people, in which He revealed by the
manner of His life as well as utterances the
Way of Life. But as Isaiah had prophesied,
it was a "remnant" in Israel that believed.

Read Luke 7:19-23 (John's disciples
come—"art thou he?"); 7:36-50 (a Pharisee
asks Jesus to dinner, but probably rent his
garments at what transpired); 9:1-6 (the
twelve are sent out to preach and heal);
9:18-27 (*a crisis*: people seem interested in
this "old prophet, risen again," but Peter
alone, it seems, confesses Jesus as Messiah;
enmity is rising, the end of Jesus' earthly
ministry in Israel is near).

NOW Luke shows Jesus' intensified efforts
to train a "remnant" to continue His
work. The twelve will be strengthened, the
seventy will be tried and proved (10:1-20),
the Holy Spirit will be promised to in-
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have been the Jews' great moment of wit-
ness—when Rome was spreading law and
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a soul and an immortal hope. But while
we blame the Jews of the First Century for
the Great Rejection, *are we sure we Chris-
tians today are doing all we might do,
should do, to present God in Christ to a
sinning humanity?*

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2. Christ Ministers to the Jews

(As to COVENANTS, see *THE CHRIS-
TIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD* for January,
1958, page 11.)

THE Jews have been people of one God.

In spite of temptations and back-sliding,
Israel adhered to this basic loyalty from
Abraham's days to those of Jesus.

In its purest form the "faith of the [Jew-
ish] fathers" flowed from a series of Cove-
nants with God. The Jews to whom Jesus
ministered were, in essence, the People of
the Covenant. They were by promise and
by prophecy God's Chosen People.

But pride and self-confidence had entered
into the picture. If a Jew was one of the
elect, of how little account was the non-
Jew, the Gentile? Israel's duty as God's
light-bearer (as in Isaiah 42:1; 49:6) was
thrust aside. Righteous living seemed to
many to be of less concern to God than
taking meticulous care in observing a mul-
titude of rules and customs with which
Jewish religion had been surrounded. These
were the rules of "separateness," of obe-
dience to priestly authority, and for many
they had taken the place of spiritual whole-
ness and the indwelling of God in man's
inner life.

The prophets' words had been almost
forgotten: Hosea 6:6,7; Micah 6:6-8; Isaiah
56:7. Jesus would repeat these truths, add-
ing to them such words as we read in Mat-
thew 6:5,6; 23:13-33; Luke 6:3-5; 12:22,
27,28.

Jesus the Saviour came as Messiah of the
Jews. This people of the Old Covenant, of
the one God, could have become with Jesus
as their Redeemer "a chosen vessel, to bear
[God's] name before the Gentiles" (Acts
9:15). *It was for such a witness that they
had been "chosen."*

Immediately following His baptism by
John and the forty days of temptation, Jesus
began to minister *to and through* the Jews.
His will be "hard sayings." Identifying
Himself as the Lord's Anointed will be re-
sented (Luke 4:14-22). Finally it will be



NEWS

from around the world



Leading Booster in the current CHRISTIAN ENDAVOR WORLD Awards Program is Ronald Kalamazoo, Michigan, who now has 43 points to his credit. Here Ron is shown handing Phyllis I. Rike the many new subscriptions secured at the recent Great Lakes Regional Conference.

The death of Dr. Harry Thomas Stock on August 30 is being mourned by many. Dr. Stock, the first youth secretary for Congregational Churches, was the author of Christian Endeavor's popular book, "Better Meeting for the Young People's Society." For the last 20 years Dr. Stock has served as general secretary of the Division of Christian Education of the Congregational Christian Church. To his denominational associates, as well as to his family, we express sympathy.



LEFT—Newly-elected officers of the Mexican Union are (left to right) Edith Ruiz, vice-secretary; Armando Velasquez, secretary; Rev. Saul Tijerina G., counselor; David Macias, president; Hector Martinez G., vice-president; David Herrera, treasurer.

BELOW—Delegates to the Mexican National Convention in Merida, Yucatan, September 17-21 are shown enjoying a pre-convention institute at a nearby beach.



The January 3, 1959, issue of THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES will be a special centenary number, observing the 100th anniversary of the first issue of the magazine. One of the regular features of this weekly publication is a column of helps on the Senior-Young People's Christian Endeavor topic for the week, prepared by John W. Lane, Jr. Congratulations to THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES for its 100 years of service to Sunday schools and churches across the nation!

Over 100 Endeavorers from North Carolina attended the Billy Graham meetings in Charlotte on Friday night, October 17. The group, which included a bus load of young people from Winston-Salem, was easily identified by the red and white Christian Endeavor hats which they wore.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, was one of the speakers at the recent 36th annual convention of the Sunday School and Keystone League Christian Endeavor Federation of the East Pennsylvania Conference, Evangelical Congregational Church. Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of both the World's Union and the International Society, also participated in the sessions, which were held in Palmerton.

A report on Christian Endeavor around the world, and especially behind the Iron Curtain and in West Berlin, was included in the October 12 "Reporter's Round-up" radio program over Mutual Broadcasting System, when Dr. Daniel A. Poling was interviewed.



New officers for the Colorado Union were elected at the fall conference in October at Silver Cliff Ranch, Buena Vista. Shown in the top photo are (left to right) Frances Barr, secretary; Jerry Knox, treasurer; Ginny Womack, co-secretary; Irene Harmelink, co-editor of the COLORADO ENDEAVORER; Larry Dale, extension; and Darrel May, president. In the lower photo some of the delegates are pictured with Cecil A. Jeffery, (extreme left, second row) extension secretary of International Society, who was one of the conference leaders.

Over 500 attended the Fall Rally of the Philadelphia County Union held at Messiah Lutheran Church. "Christ Our Pilot" was the theme for the session. Of those present 92 came from outside Philadelphia County, including delegations from Berks, Carlisle, York, Lehigh, and Montgomery Counties and a bus load of 25 from Cumberland County. This group spent the day sight-seeing in Philadelphia before attending the meeting.

The award for the largest delegation from one church went to Calvary Brethren with 52 present. Northeast Branch Union took home the loving cup for having 145 Endeavorers at the rally, the most from any of the Philadelphia branch unions.

Philadelphia County Intermediates held their annual convention November 28-29 at Gaston Presbyterian Church. Judy Young is president of the Intermediate Union, with John Thuss heading up the Senior group.

When Robert Markell, Colorado Endeavorer, enrolled this fall at Northwest Christian College, in Eugene, Oregon, he was quite surprised to have assigned as his "big brother" the president of the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union, Roy Lawson, who is also a student at Northwest.

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